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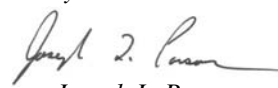
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Survey Results Include

- Cattle on Feed
- Annual Livestock Slaughter
- Wool Production
- Potato Stocks
- Supply & Disappearance

Dear Nebraska Farmers, Ranchers and Agribusinesses:

The following narrative and tables are from recently published reports by USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board. These data are direct results of information provided by Nebraska producers and agribusinesses to the surveys conducted each month by this office. Thank you for your response to these surveys.


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Director

Nebraska Cattle on Feed Down 1 Percent

Nebraska feedlots with capacities of 1,000 or more head contained 2.49 million cattle on feed on March 1, down 1 percent from last year but 2 percent above March 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into feedlots during February totaled 350,000 head, down 3 percent from 2007 but 6 percent above 2006. Fed cattle marketings for the month of February totaled 360,000 head, down 5 percent from last year but equal to 2006. Other disappearance during February totaled 10,000 head compared with 10,000 head for both February 2007 and February 2006.

U.S. Cattle on Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.9 million head on March 1, 2008. The inventory was 2 percent above March 1, 2007 but 1 percent below March 1, 2006. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.72 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 9 percent above 2006. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.78 million, 4 percent above 2007 and 11 percent above 2006. Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during February, 20 percent below 2007 and 18 percent below 2006.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements, Marketings and Other Disappearance, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States, 2007-2008

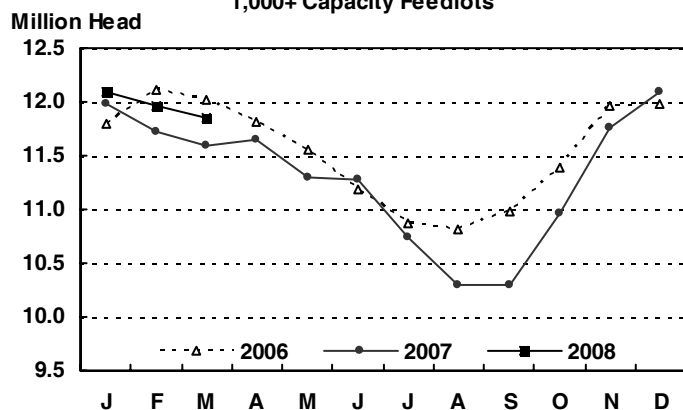
State	March 1 Number on Feed ¹			February Placements			February Marketings			February Other Disappearance ²		
	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>	2007	2008	<u>2008</u> <u>2007</u>
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
Arizona	329	377	115	24	36	150	28	30	107	1	2	200
California	530	545	103	60	60	100	67	63	94	3	7	233
Colorado	1,010	1,050	104	140	155	111	160	190	119	10	5	50
Idaho	250	235	94	39	39	100	43	38	88	1	1	100
Iowa	530	560	106	64	62	97	63	69	110	1	3	300
Kansas	2,420	2,410	100	395	390	99	380	400	105	25	10	40
Nebraska	2,510	2,490	99	360	350	97	380	360	95	10	10	100
New Mexico	130	160	123	14	15	107	18	14	78	1	1	100
Oklahoma	350	350	100	59	45	76	58	48	83	1	2	200
South Dakota	230	235	102	43	47	109	41	40	98	2	2	100
Texas	2,790	2,920	105	390	440	113	385	440	114	15	10	67
Washington	170	151	89	25	30	120	31	30	97	1	2	200
Other States	350	370	106	46	54	117	57	54	95	4	5	125
United States	11,599	11,853	102	1,659	1,723	104	1,711	1,776	104	75	60	80

¹Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

² Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

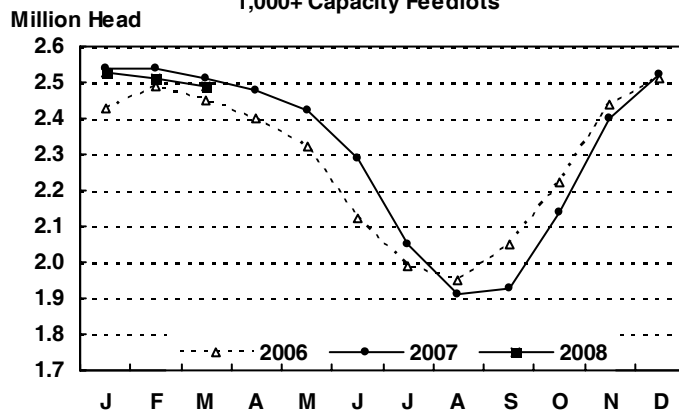
Source: USDA NASS Cattle on Feed, March 20, 2008

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

**Nebraska Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**



Source: USDA NASS Nebraska Field Office

Commercial Cattle Slaughter: Top Five States, 2002-2007¹

Rank	2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head	State	1,000 Head
1	Nebr.	7,862	Nebr.	7,661	Kansas	7,182	Kansas	7,321	Kansas	7,543	Kansas	7,726
2	Kansas	7,404	Kansas	7,357	Nebr.	6,903	Nebr.	7,029	Nebr.	7,069	Nebr.	7,071
3	Texas	6,472	Texas	6,495	Texas	6,179	Texas	6,238	Texas	6,485	Texas	6,111
4	Colo.	2,596	Colo.	2,480	Colo.	2,415	Colo.	2,087	Colo.	2,116	Colo.	2,210
5	Wisc.	1,665	Wisc.	1,669	Wisc.	1,458	Wisc.	1,439	Wisc.	1,583	Wisc.	1,708

¹Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals on farms.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter, 2007 Summary, March 2008.

Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, Selected States and United States, 2007

State ¹	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and Lambs	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000</i>
California	21	1,591.1	12	119.5	15	2,570.3		
Colorado	20	2,204.2			16	6.2	17	1,046.5
Illinois			7	38.1	26	9,871.2		
Indiana					8	7,716.1		
Iowa					21	29,932.7	4	392.7
Kansas	22	7,693.5			15	176.5	12	1.4
Kentucky	18	8.2			20	2,752.3	14	11.3
Minnesota	22	738.4			21	9,501.5	13	1.7
Nebraska	26	7,041.0			19	7,410.2		
Ohio	11	49.9	3		14	1,019.0	7	0.4
Pennsylvania	77	929.4	38	171.5	78	2,943.0	59	53.7
South Dakota					5	4,793.3	4	10.5
Texas	36	6,085.4	10	11.4	25	356.5	19	3.0
Virginia	15	6.2	10	0.8	15	2,394.0	15	11.9
Wisconsin	12	1,666.6			8	498.0	7	3.2
United States	626	33,720.7	232	744.8	618	108,138.2	480	2,528.6

¹States with no data printed are still included in US total. Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Source: USDA NASS Livestock Slaughter 2007 Summary, March 2008

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Wool: Number of Sheep and Lambs Shorn, Weight per Fleece, Production, Price and Value, Nebraska and United States 2005-2007

State	Sheep and Lambs Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Nebraska					
2005	85	7.1	600	.40	240
2006	80	7.5	600	.36	216
2007	70	7.7	540	.40	216
United States					
2005	5,072	7.3	37,232	.71	26,272
2006	4,852	7.4	36,019	.68	24,510
2007	4,705	7.3	34,533	.88	30,258

Source: USDA NASS Sheep and Goats, February 1, 2008

Potato Stocks

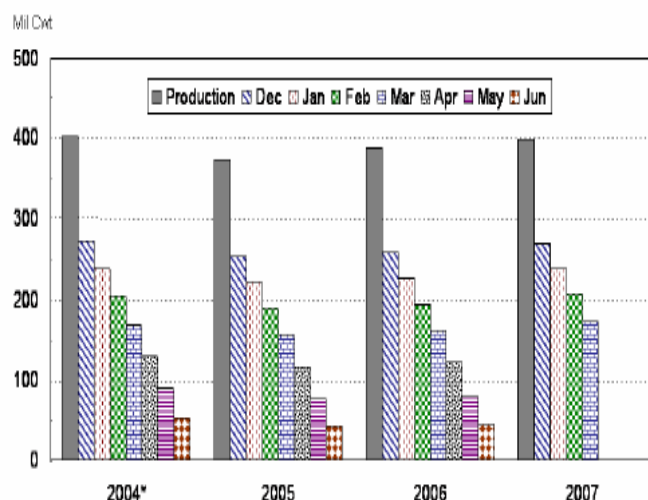
Fall Potatoes: 2007 Production and March 1, 2008¹ Stocks

State	Crop of 2007	
	Production	Total Stocks Mar. 1, 2008
	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt.</i>
California	4,223	1,100
Colorado	20,981	9,500
Idaho	131,650	63,000
Maine	16,530	8,000
Michigan	14,700	4,600
Minnesota	20,680	8,500
Montana	3,696	3,300
Nebraska	8,051	3,000
New York	5,216	700
North Dakota	23,660	8,000
Oregon	20,238	11,600
Washington	102,300	40,000
Wisconsin	28,160	10,500
Total 13 States	400,085	171,800

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop.

Source: USDA NASS Potato Stocks, March 14, 2008

Fall Potatoes: Production and Stocks 13 Storage States



Production by crop year. Stocks by months following harvest.
*15 Storage States.

U.S. Grains Supply and Disappearance Outlook

Crop Year	Supply				Market Year Disappearance ¹				Market Year Ending Stocks	Average Market Price
	Pro- duction	Begin- ning stocks	Im- ports	Total	Domestic		Ex- ports	Total		
					Primary Use ²	Other				
Million Bushels										
\$/bu.										
Corn										
2005/06	11,114	2,114	9	13,237	6,155	2,981	2,134	11,270	1,967	2.00
2006/07	10,535	1,967	12	12,514	5,598	3,488	2,125	11,210	1,304	3.04
2007/08 ³	13,074	1,304	15	14,393	5,950	4,555	2,450	12,955	1,438	3.75-4.25
Soybeans										
2005/06	3,063	256	3	3,322	1,739	194	940	2,873	449	5.66
2006/07	3,188	449	9	3,647	1,806	148	1,118	3,073	574	6.43
2007/08 ³	2,585	574	6	3,165	1,835	165	1,025	3,025	140	10.00-10.80
Wheat										
2005/06	2,105	540	81	2,726	915	238	1,003	2,155	571	3.42
2006/07	1,812	571	122	2,505	933	206	909	2,049	456	4.26
2007/08 ³	2,067	456	90	2,613	950	196	1,225	2,371	242	6.50-6.80
Sorghum										
2005/06	393	57	0	450	140	50	190	384	66	1.86
2006/07	278	66	0	343	109	45	154	311	32	3.29
2007/08 ³	505	32	0	537	175	35	210	495	42	3.65-4.15

¹ Marketing year begins: Corn, Sorghum & Soybeans, September 1; Wheat, June 1.

² Primary uses: Corn & Sorghum = Feed; Soybeans = Crushing; Wheat = Food.

³ Projection.

Source: USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, March 11, 2008

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